

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 3, 4, 8, and 13 are now pending. By this Amendment, *all claims with art-based rejections have been canceled*, in order to obtain quick allowance. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that the remaining claims 3, 4, 8, and 13 avoid the prior art. Applicants reserve the right to file the canceled claims in a continuing application.

As to the obviousness-type double-patenting rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is attached hereto that obviates this rejection.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on December 16, 2003, however no acknowledgement of that IDS has been received. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the references submitted in that IDS by placing his initials next to each reference and by signing and dating the IDS. A copy of the IDS previously filed is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience, along with a copy of the receipt card as stamped by the USPTO.

REQUEST FOR CITATION OF ASSERTED REFERENCE

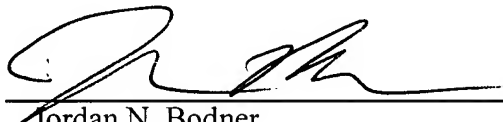
Applicants further note that the Examiner has cited a new reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,307,535 to Kim et al. ("the Kim '535 patent"), in the present Office Action. However, the Kim '535 patent was not cited on a form PTO-892 (Notice of References Cited). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a form PTO-892 citing the Kim '535 patent so that the record may be complete.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or feel that an interview would expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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